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**VIA Electronic Mail**

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Re: OJP FOIA No. 19-00246

Dear Mr. Ader:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your June 10, 2019, Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request, which was received in the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office of the General Counsel, on June 17, 2019. A copy of your request is attached for your convenience.

The records you seek require a search in another OJP office and so your request falls within "unusual circumstances." See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B)(i)-(iii). Because of these unusual circumstances, we are extending the time limit to respond to your request beyond the ten additional days provided by the statute. We have not yet completed a search to determine whether there are records within the scope of your request. The time needed to process your request will necessarily depend on the complexity of our records search and on the volume and complexity of any records located. For your information, this office assigns incoming requests to one of three tracks: simple, complex, or expedited. Each request is then handled on a first-in, first-out basis in relation to other requests in the same track. Simple requests usually receive a response in approximately one month, whereas complex requests necessarily take longer. At this time, your request has been assigned to the complex track. You may wish to narrow the scope of your request to limit the number of potentially responsive records or agree to an alternative time frame for processing, should records be located; or you may wish to await the completion of our records search to discuss either of these options.

We have not yet made a decision on your request for a fee waiver. We will do so after we determine whether the processing of your request will result in any assessable fees. I note that in your letter you agreed to pay fees up to \$100 in the event that a fee waiver is not granted.

Your request is assigned to a member of our FOIA staff for processing. If you have any questions or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, you may contact the Office of the General Counsel at (202) 307-6235, via email at [FOIAOJP@usdoj.gov](mailto:FOIAOJP@usdoj.gov), or you may write to this office at:

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Please include the above-referenced OJP FOIA number. Lastly, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at the above telephone number to discuss any aspect of your request.

Thank you,

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